THE KING CONSPIRACIES

There are remarkable similarities in the four major political assassinations in the United States of the 1960s. There are enough of these similarities to have generated the widespread conspiracy theories the proliferation of which served to distract public attention from the crimes themselves.

A unifying factor is the failure of all official investigations to answer all t he significant existing questions. A greater failure comes from the refual of public authority to fully investigate the crimes and the official determination to be ableto consign them all to history, marked "solved."

In all four of these crimes that turned the country around officials decided at almost the moment t e shots were fired that there had been no conspiracy, that the bird-in-hand alleged assassin alone was guilty so why beat the bushes for any possible co-conpsirators.

Although the FBI had no jurisdiction, it moved into the investigation of the assassination of President Kennedy immediately, even though at that time this assassination was not a federal crime and wasa a crime under Texas law only. As soon as the Dallas police decided that Lee Harvey Oswald was the assassin - about two hours after that assassination and without any investigation at all - the FBI reached the same decision, also without investigation, and by his own word, Director J. Edgar Hoover had the identical instant vision before the sun set that day. I have gobe overhte massive printed record of the Warren Commission, I have sued the FBI frequently under the Freedom of Information Act and from it and other agencies, including the CIA

I have ransacked the 300 cubic feet of its records in the National Srchives, and the national archives, obtaining at least a third of a million pages of once-secret official records, and it is obvious that the crime itself was never investigated by any official body.

Thase who fied at Malcomm X were seen and apprehended but no unseen co-conapirators were really sought. One of the lingering doubts about that crime and its investigation come from the fact that one of the men who did some of the shooting was also a police informer.

Sirhan Sirhan was captured with tje smoking gun still in has hand. But there are substantial questions and persisting reasonable doubts about his lone involvement - ebe even about whether he fired the bullet that caused death - because there was cornoer's evidence that he did not and because other solid and probative evidence indicating more shots than his eight-shot, 22 caliber pistol held were fired. After an unusual and improperly secret meeting in judge's chambers by that and the presiding judge, the prosecution and the police, with Sirhan's lawyers carefully excluded, the physical evidence that the police said they were going to preserve forever was destroyed by the police.* With this wrongful destruction the police destroyed the evidence indicating the existince of these additional shots, of more bullets than Sirhan's pevolver could have held.

Mos of my work has been on the assassination of President Kennedy. This work includes six basic books. My seventh books, Frame-Up, is on the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and my oreoccupation with it made any detailed work on the other two assassinations impossible.

*(excerpts from the then-secret transcript of this virtual conspiracy appear in my Post Mortem, pages 430 ff.

Also, I had been the investigator for Dr. King's accused assassin, James Earl Ray. I conducted the investigations for the habeas corpus proceeding and for the successful subsequent two weeks of evidentiary hearing, which was to determine whether o not he would have the trial he still has never had.

One of the most provocative similarities in these four political assassinations is that each came at a time when the victim had undergone a substantial metamorphosis, in each case giving the victim the potential for greater leadership.

Robert Kennedy, for example, had been a hawk but after Eurgene McCarthy's victory in the New Hampshire primary, Bibby shifted his position on our involvement in Viet Nam, won the Oregon primary and was at the moment he was assassinated victor in the important California primary. He was on his way to becoming an American president who would end our involvement in that enormous disaster.

Malcolm X, although that talented, eloquent and highly principled woman, Flo Kennedy took issue on this with me when she presented me with an award from ffame-Up,, had been a racist and a sexist and had abandoned those view. This had the potential of attracting enormously more people to him and his leadership.

President Kennedy's major changes began with the Cubs Missle Crisis and the settlement of it he worked out with the USSR's M Nikita Khruschev.